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## Air Force Total Ownership Cost

**H**ave you ever wondered how many gallons of aviation fuel are consumed by the B-2 each year? Where would you go to find out how many blue suiters it takes to maintain the fleet of F-16Cs? Or what if you needed to know how much the Chaplain at Minot AFB spent on gasoline? This information and more can be found in the Air Force Total Ownership Cost (AFTOC) management information system that is fast becoming the most comprehensive data repository within the Air Force to provide routine visibility into weapon systems' costs. The initial focus of AFTOC has been on aircraft, but the system is expanding and now provides cost coverage of space and tactical missiles. Eventually AFTOC will report on all unclassified major systems. Installation costs are already separately identified by base. AFTOC satisfies the annual O&S reporting requirement to OSD met by the VAMOS system in the past, but expands cost coverage to all appropriations. The goal is to eventually capture all unclassified appropriated Air Force costs, becoming the tool of choice for Air Force leaders controlling life-cycle costs. A user friendly point-and-click Web based interface provides controlled access to data. The Air Force Cost Analysis Agency manages the program. System integrators are Battelle Memorial Institute, Litton TASC, and OO-ALC/TISMD. The AFTOC Integrated Product Team, with membership from the different functional areas of the major commands, Air Staff, and product centers, has been instrumental in identifying system requirements.

Initial AFTOC data products were released on the AFTOC web site last October as a beta version. Visit our website at [HYPERLINK http://www.aftoc.tasc.com](http://www.aftoc.tasc.com). Follow the directions to apply for a password. Your feedback with regard to content, format, and web site usability will help us improve the system for our customers. Recently advocates from ASC/FM and the F-15, F-16, and B-1 program offices, participated in a product review. As a result, changes are being incorporated into the next release along with enhanced user capability.

Although AFTOC uses the best of the Air Force's data sources, there is a limit to the amount of detail that can be displayed. For example, Contractor Logistics Support costs are reported in AFTOC, but the work breakdown structure underlying these costs is not shown, as this information is not tracked in any current system. Training sessions are being conducted to ensure users are aware of what AFTOC data represents and its limitations. Soon to be released is a tool which will allow the user to query AFTOC and receive customized answers to data requests. Users will be able to run queries using point-and-click selection to produce unique cost reports not found in the standard data products. This will allow a user to trace costs reported by Mission Design Series back to the corresponding unclassified Program Element Codes used in the accounting systems. Other detail found in the source data will also be available. Until this user capability is provided, users may contact the AFTOC team via the web site to request special data pulls.

AFTOC is a powerful management and analysis tool pulling extracting data from the most robust systems available. In today's environment, managing costs has become as important as managing budgets. To be able to reduce costs effectively, one must have improved visibility into what those costs are. AFTOC is the primary information system of the future which will provide visibility into the Total Ownership Cost of America's Air Force—all in one place, with fast, easy access!